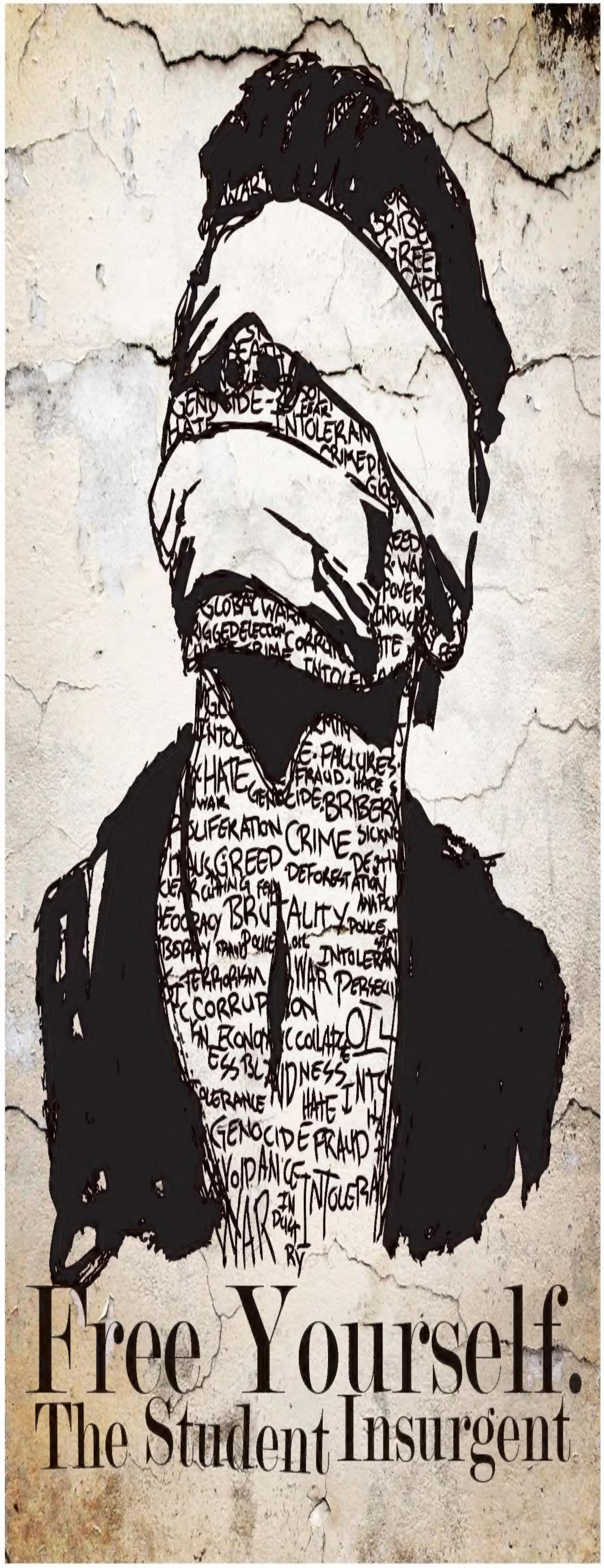




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To Our Dear Insurgent Readers,

Here it is: the second issue of our twenty-first year of publication. That's right, while some of our staff remain underage, our magazine certainly is not. We thought we'd celebrate by treating it to a few drinks. Well, it turns out that when our little ol' magazine gets sauced, it takes off its binding and dances on top of the bar. Needless to say, we won't be doing that again.

Please come visit us! Now that our dear officemate, OSPIRG, has left the building we are lonely. We have nobody to sit and plot the destruction of various government agencies with and it is making our editors very distraught. We still find ourselves wistfully gazing into their corner; occasionally we even still see them. As per our usual tradition, we have poured one out onto the curb for our dead homie. Yes, OSPIRG may be gone, but their giant windmill will always remain in our hearts and office.

Now to this issue: Evan Greer and Broadcast Live, WTO and unions, OSPIRG and.... Well and OSPIRG. We've been fairly busy over here at the Insurgent, trying not to let our grief get the best of us as we prepare another issue for our all-too wonderful readership. Much to our dismay, the EMU board is kicking OSPIRG out of the Survival Center in order to make room for a new, "radical" group. Amongst our tears we have been diligently trying to produce a quality publication for all you cats and kittens- so enjoy!

Your Insurgent Staff



{Letters.}

*from you.

Dear Student Insurgent,

I am writing to let you know how pleased OSPIRG's departure has made me. With so many turnovers each term, I find it difficult to believe more than one or two dedicated students did much of anything. More importantly, the fresh recruits seemed unaware of just how irritating their presence was to the student body. Since you haven't given much space to the fall of OSPIRG, this is a good time to ask when you ARE going to cover all of the activism we're famous for at UO. I saw some freshmen in goofy costumes last week. Surely they are making a difference, yet the SI is busy with national "problems" like psychiatric drugs and the president. They can't be as bad as you make them out to be - are you guys serious or what? I suspect this is all a parody. How can such nice people spread so much time telling other people to fuck off, and is that really fair? I'm sending along a link, a 'fuck off' and some Thorazine. Enjoy.

Lucas Meere

Thanks for the last two issues, particularly good was the community organizing article. It's very helpful to show prisoners how others have succeeded, because organizing captives is like herding cats. Each one wants to be the BMOT, but no one has the skills to accomplish much. Whoever wrote the Panther article should be given plenty more space for future articles because it was great and detailed. This will do us much good.

The article on secure meetings was very good, too. Some of our writers could have good ideas on this subject, but they keep us distracted w/ other stuff (these profit-snatching prisons are a constant struggle for rags and scraps). It's pitiful. \$45/LB of salt; \$135/LB for pepper. Canvas PJs for "clothes" that have not even buttons or whizz-holes. The elastic wears out too quickly, then we have to hold them up or pay for new ones.

Also great was the Cascadia article. I've written about this in "Humans Extinct by 2200 AD" and "Plague of Religious" on www.

jamesbanhans.org. I try not to use the establishment's blandization of "global warming" (climate change), because we know which way it's changing: to global furnace. When we lose, it's often by legitimizing the vocabulary that the pols' speechsmiths have concocted to vend us. Anyway, that's a lot of unburned forest. I try to help as much as I can.

Thanks again for all your efforts.

Sincerely,

James Banhans

P.S. Tripods are road obstructions! Gov'ts used to 'jack' during the cold war, much like copters use spikestrips. Just wondering of any similarity.

Dear Student Insurgent,

Help! I am a convict stuck! I have a bad knee and for two, yes two, months I have been fighting with the Oregon Dept. of Corr. (ODOC) to get a hinged knee brace. Doctor ordered no less! By their own doctor!

Okay, here are some facts:

In 2007 I was examined at EOCI for chronic knee pain. I was given a state issued knee immobilizer. It was ordered for me to go see the ODOC orthopedic doctor (Dr. Becker), and it was scheduled.

I was ordered a Neoprene hinged knee brace and was subsequently charged \$95 for it. I went and saw Dr. Becker, and he determined that I needed surgery or a knee brace. So he ordered one for me that was my size (short). ODOC refused. It cost too much (\$200) and I only had a couple months left. So he ordered another Neoprene one (first was lost by ODOC). Same results. If I had the money, fine. But they would not incur the debt. These facts are all on record with ODOC.

Bottom line is that I was indigent, so I was shit out of luck. I was released with a Neoprene wrap that was too big. That was all in 2007.

Now, nothing is different with the knee. They give me a wooden cane for which to do deal with this 'til I see the doctor. The rubber piece falls apart on the cane. They have knee immobilizers here at TCRI. Why can't I have one, you ask? I have no clue either.

I have no family on the street, no money, and no way to resolve this legally. I don't know what to do. I am not really sure what to expect from this letter except to make someone who cares do something about it. What they are doing here is wrong. I am being unduly punished because I am poor in prison.

So if you are reading this and would like to know more then by all means please contact me.

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Our Values

Ignorance is our bible
Glory is our cross
Wealth is our leader
That will lead us to our loss
Greed is our hunger
Impossible to cure
War is our blunder
But as it continues to lure
Nobility are our models
Though naked and bare
And Equality we fondle
But back at us it stares.

I'll walk that line,
I carry a sign,
But I wont slave another day!

Well my momma works
for a big corporation
they always tell her
they admire her perspiration

they announced one year
they'll be no raises'
they said 'but have not fear'
'we'll give you lots of praises'
Well I'm a union man,
I do the best I can
I wont slave another day.

I'll walk that line,
I carry a sign,
But I wont slave another day!

Well that same week,
Announce by email,
They said management get new
ships.
To travel their sea trails,

That's a perfect example
And I will tant,
Of how workers get shit
While management floats.

Well I'm a union man,

I do the best I can

Devlin Jones

Walkin' Union

Well I ain't nobody's master
And I ain't nobody's slave,
I aint nobodys solider
And I ain't nobody's grave,
I aint nobody's Sheppard,
And I aint nobody's sheep,
I'm just a workin' man
Tryin' to earn my keep.

I'll walk that line,
I carry a sign ,
But I wont slave another day!

Well I ain't nobody's master
And I aint nobodys slave,

I aint nobodys solider
And I aint nobodys grave,
I aint nobodys Sheppard,
And I aint nobodys sheep,

I'm just a workin' man
Tryin' to earn my keep.

Well I'm a union man,
I do the best I can
I wont slave another day.

I'll walk that line,
I carry a sign ,
But I wont slave another day!

Well you can work real hard

Each and every day,
But it don't matter,
Cuz' z' wont raise yer pay.

You boss is a bastered,

And that's the truth,
You gotta fight real hard,
Or you'll get screwed.

I'll walk that line,

But I wont slave another day!

Well I'm a union man,
I do the best I can
I wont slave another day.

Is it possible to create a "Project

Disarm"

To ban the intrastate possession
of lethal injection by Governor's
across this racist nation?

An existence of despair
Is "criminal."
Excuse my dysfunction,
The natural reaction of the
resistance to fascism.

Warriors man your stations.
Daily we fight a war
Against an enemy of soulless
sheep.
Our women weep
As their liberators are warehoused
to evaporate our power.
Adversity doesn't build a character;
It reveals it!

So today's ills
Are the direct responsibility of our
Native men.

Our failure is why our women cry.
I have sworn upon the alter of the
Great Spirit,
Eternal hostility against every form
of tyranny over the minds of men.
With that in mind,

My soul sours when you request
my allegiance to the United States
of Amerikkka.

Relax
As we take this journey to see
reality for what it truly is.
Deconstruction
Deconstruction of the ability to
resist.
I would be remiss to miss
The fact that the KKK still ride.
They ride the corporate boards of
most of their business world.

Yet you speak of equality
Equal only to the part you want us
to play.

These very realizations
Cost me the label I am forced to
wear today.

A future grey

As I pay
For not standing up!
I waste my freedom, yet have done
nothing for the good of my people.

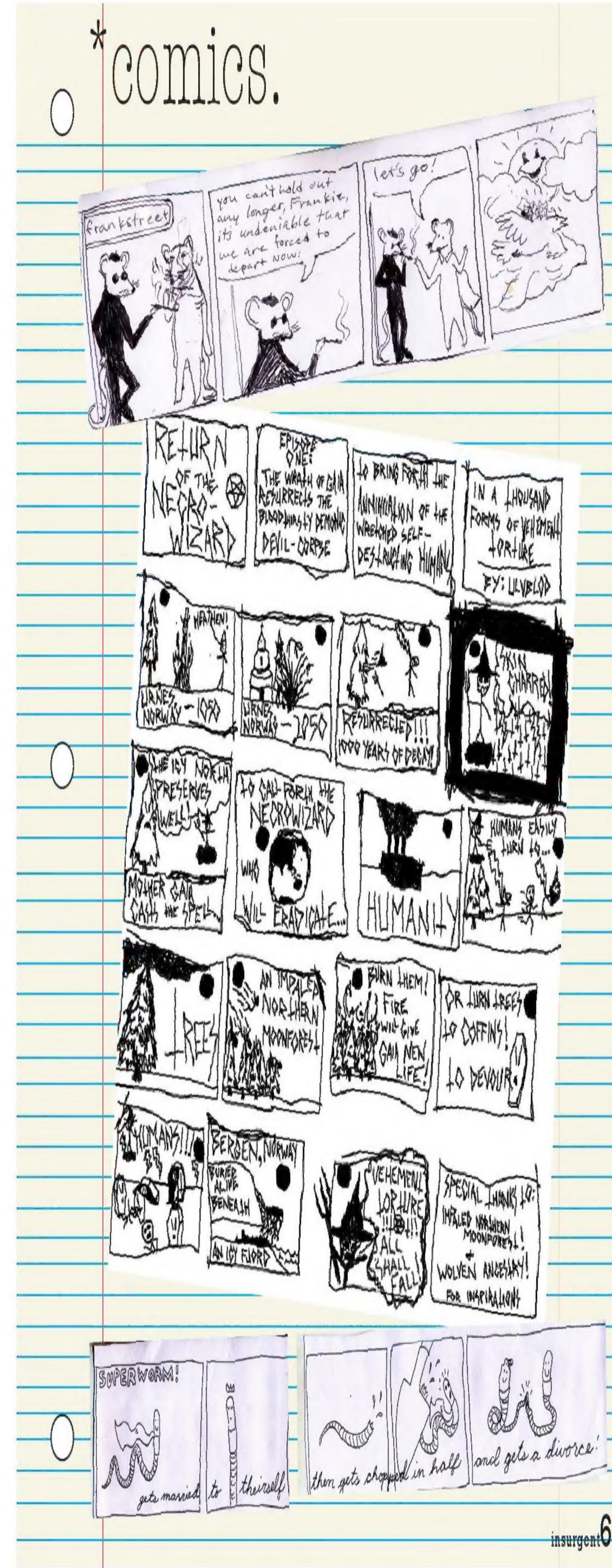
A native mind reborn through a
life sacrificed to the streets.

Yet I gain another chance each
time I teach
A young native mind to see
beyond the lies intended to bring

extinction to our native tribes
A Native Son

On the rise!
Open your eyes
Open your eyes
Open your eyes!

*lit.

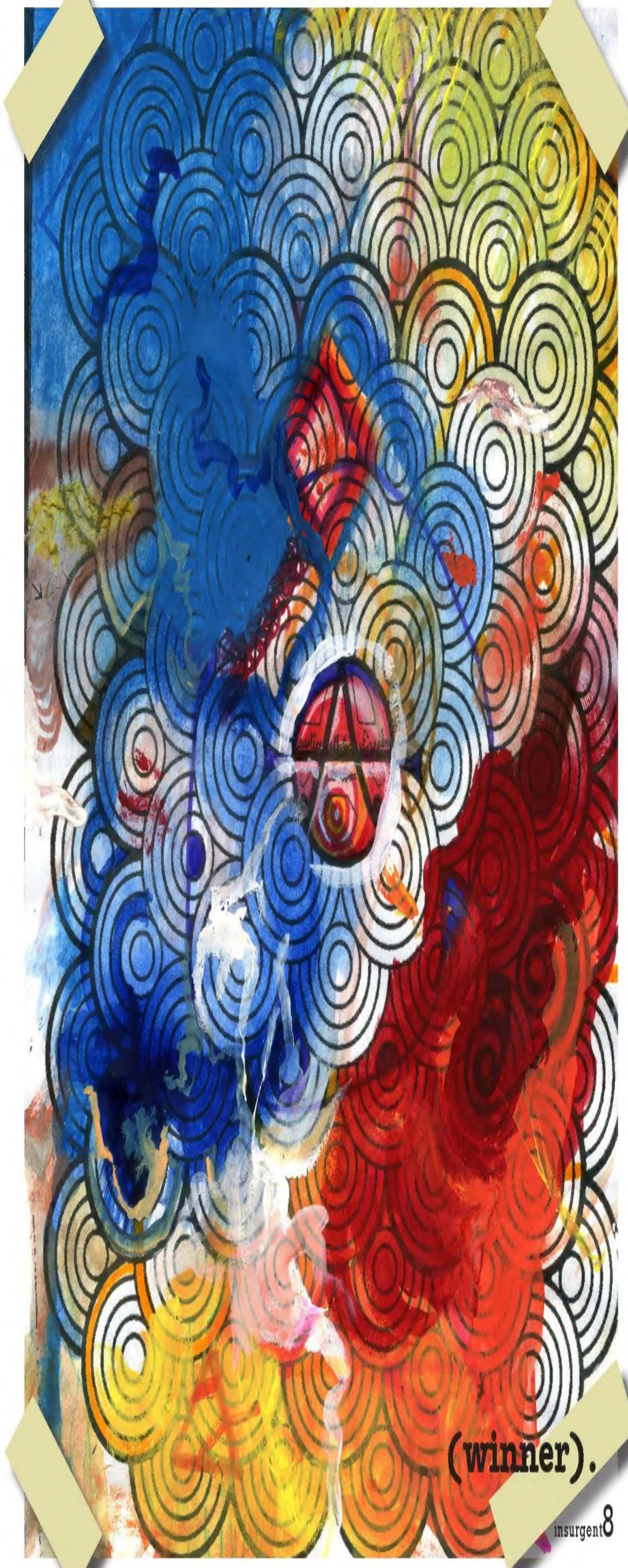
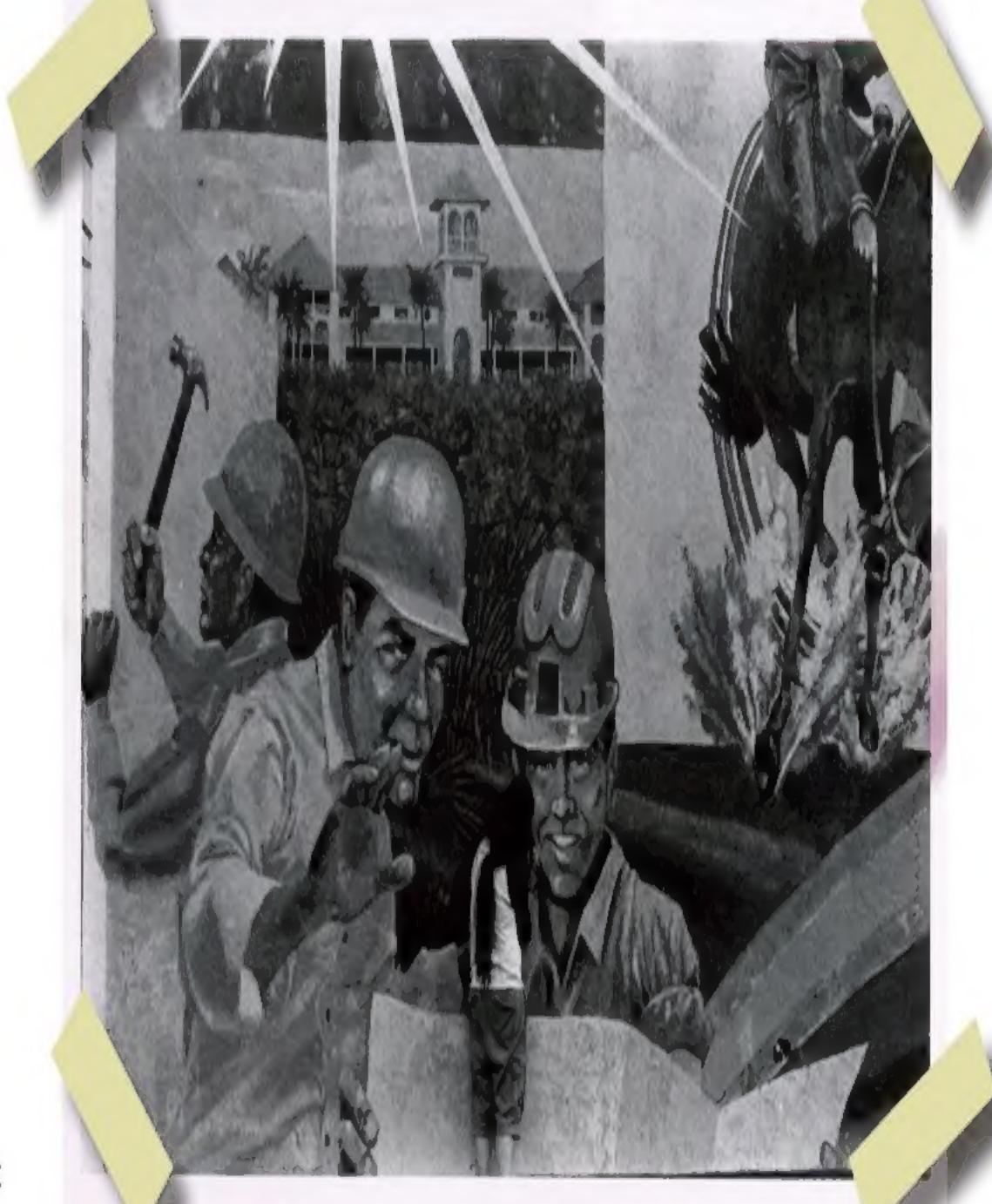
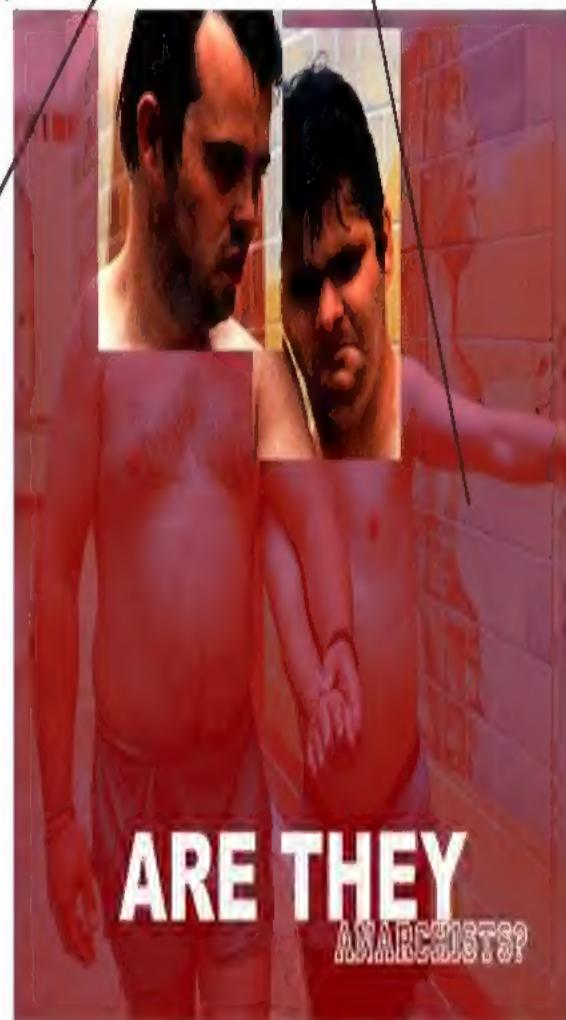


* art.

Perceptions of what
expectations blind the truth
hiding the nature

The Ginkgo biloba tree (common name ginkgo) is one of the few oldest living tree species on our planet. During Earth's evolutionary time span, species of the ginkgo tree have been thoroughly expressed in the fossil record. Because the tree is currently still thriving, Ginkgo biloba is considered a 'living fossil.'

Ginkgo biloba
foliage of yellow beauty
the living fossil



Steel Strings and Breakbeats

Evan Greer and Broadcast Live play at the Lorax *By John Sheehy*

Singing anthems of anarchy and activism, folk-punk singer Evan Greer and the three members of radical hip-hop group Broadcast Live rocked out a benefit show in the living room of the Lorax housing co-operative here in Eugene. Amidst an audience of about 40, both acts succeeded in enlisting their support in singing along and getting down to some great music while simultaneously raising their fist against such issues as sexual violence, gentrification, and climate injustice.

The show, which was organized by the UO Survival Center as a benefit for the local Civil Liberties Defense Center, began with Evan taking the stage first and playing several songs, followed by Broadcast Live - comprised of Victoria Reyes Asili, Seantel Chamberlain, and Jory Leanza-Carey - after which Evan resumed his set and finished off the night. At the time of their performance in Eugene, the 4 performers, who all hail from New England, had already traversed more than 2000 miles by car over the course of the month, having kicked off their show in Boston. This was hardly reflected in their performance, which filled the room with smiles and good vibes.

The show brought me back to the 8th grade, when I first heard Evan's song, "Punks with Clean Kitchens." In the short 5 minutes it took for the song to play through, I was instantly connected to a worldwide community of idealists, artists, activists and revolutionaries I had never known existed. Through Evan, I was made aware of an immense world full of struggles and passion that was infinitely bigger than what I could have imagined, and in that moment, I became instantly aware of a monumental fact: there was a revolution happening.

It was also through Evan that I discovered Broadcast Live. Having previously toured and recorded together, the two acts had reunited once again in October to travel the country. In addition to playing music together, Evan Greer and Broadcast Live also offer various workshops in the communities they play in, including workshops on the history of Hip-Hop, climate justice, and community organizing. Here in Eugene, the workshop, which was held on the UO campus during the afternoon before the show, was entitled

Queers, Communities, and Gentrification, and focused primarily on the destructive

impacts that white queers and other privileged radicals tended to have on lower-class communities of color. Having been intimately acquainted with such effects and processes themselves, the performers each had their own stories to tell about firsthand experiences in their own neighborhoods, leading to some highly revealing and productive discussion among the dozen or so who attended, in which strategies and tactics were collectively formulated in order to confront such processes in future.

I sat down with Evan and Broadcast Live after their show in order to discuss these issues a bit more in depth. I was particularly curious in discussing the issue of race within the anarchist movement.

The current state of affairs was effectively summarized by Seantel, when she replied that "the anarchist community is pretty divided." Jory continued, "race plays a huge role in determining what you focus on. There is a definite anarchist culture. I am anti-authoritarian but do not consider myself part of that culture. Anarchism is ultimately an ideology."

When I asked for comments on what seemed to me a significant division within the current movement, with white activists focusing on issues such as climate change while black activists were focused more on police brutality and discrimination, Evan pointed out that it's "important not to generalize. People work with what's in front of their faces. There are plenty of people in the hood working on change who realize

that climate change and other such problems have the biggest impact on their communities."

According to the four,

the main obstacle standing in the way of everyone working closer together is the fact that many white radicals often attempt to assume leadership roles in communities they were not a part of. "A lot of people graduate from college and go into communities of color and try to be leaders," explained Seantel.

This was most recently exemplified during the last Crimethinc convergence, when a small band of anarchists of color disrupted the last day of the meeting, accusing the predominantly white attendees of gentrifying the lower-class neighborhood in which the convergence was held. While the action was initially performed to highlight the often unintended yet harmful consequences of white

activists moving into communities of color, the events quickly turned to controversy, with both sides accusing the other of racism.

When I asked Evan, Jory, Victorio, and Seantel for their own thoughts on what happened, everyone seemed to be more or less on the same page.

"I identify completely with the frustration of anarchist people of color at the Crimethinc.

"Work on yourself, your issues, educating others, and not forgetting other people's struggles."

convergence. It's important for white radicals to realize that it's not ok to be doing things like that," said Seantel.

"My initial thoughts were to totally support what happened at the convergence" spoke Evan. "The response from white anarchists has been disheartening. They need to understand that these people are defending their communities and they need to harness that defensiveness and learn from that feeling instead of letting their feelings bubble into racism. It just highlights our hypocrisy."

Of course, after so much talk on the conflicts within our movement, I was eager to hear what each had to propose in terms of solutions. The answer was simple.

"Be an ally" replied Seantel. This statement was seconded by Jory, when he continued, saying "being an ally is the best road to take."

"The question is, do people have privilege?" asked Victorio, "and if so, are those people willing to work in solidarity and together with other people if that means giving up some of that privilege?"

"White people can help without taking on a leadership role" concluded Evan. "We can use our privilege to do some of the work that other communities need but can't do, but we need to listen to them."

I then asked them what they thought was the most important work for anarchists to be doing right now, generally speaking.

"It all depends on people" replied Seantel. "Work on yourself, your issues, educating others, and not forgetting other people's struggles."

Jory was quick to emphasize the importance of building communities and local organizing. "There are abstract issues and immediate issues" he said. "In the abstract, everything is connected. Networking is key.

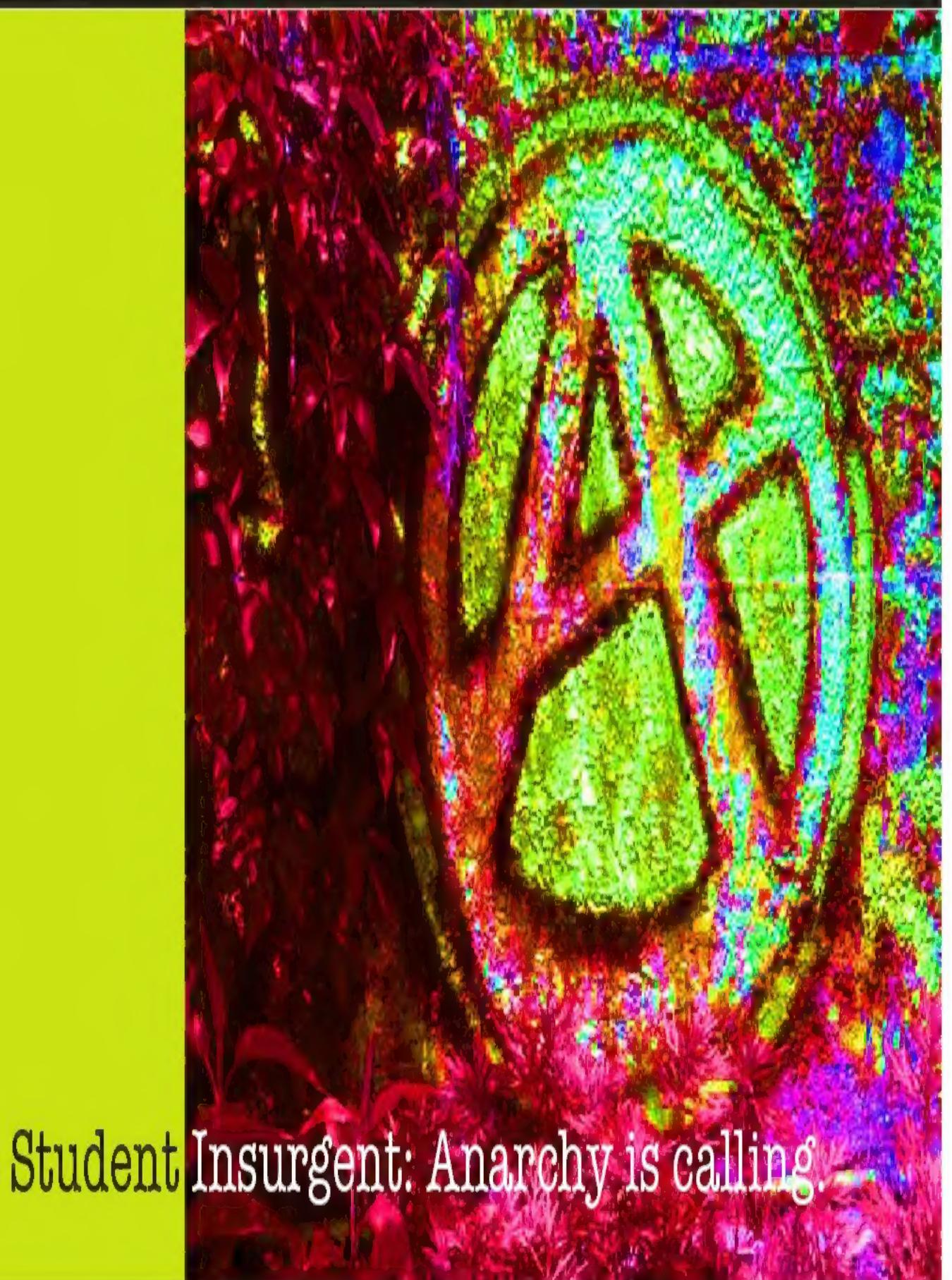
People need to be building networks of power to confront those abstract issues."

Evan also had some particularly useful advice for college students. "Universities have a huge amount of resources" he explained. "They are after all some of the biggest corporations. If you can, tap into those resources and divert your school's resources towards the community."

After a bit more discussion, I concluded the interview by asking them about future plans. Broadcast Live replied that, aside from the usual mix of playing music and hosting workshops, they were aiming to do a lot more recording and were even looking at the possibility of a European tour next May. Evan, on the other hand, already had plans for a Southeastern tour, and is currently looking for bookings.

It was a fantastic evening full of food, folks, and fun. You can check out Evan's music at www.riotfolk.org. Also visit Broadcast Live at www.myspace.com/broadcastlive and Victoria's blog at victorioreyes.blogspot.com.

* Evan Greer.



The Student Insurgent: Anarchy is calling.

STREET TALK

Street talk is an ongoing series of interviews with various homeless and transient, or just interesting individuals. Their stories are their own. They are edited as little as possible. Stubbs Turkle (a noted union activist), set a historical precedent for these interviews with a series of his own, based on the principle that, "Everyone has a story to tell." The Insurgent's motto is: "truth must not just be the truth, it must be told." Every individual holds his or her piece of the truth. Here's just one of those pieces.

By Cimmeron Gillespie

The pacifist revolutionary "Rabbit," a unifier of street dwellers, speaks about the need for social change. From under an awning, his whistling was what first caught my attention while I was biking downtown. I turned around and saw an abrasive looking man with shoulder-length brown hair. He sat with seven others. His speech was interrupted by a woman who on occasion, would break out in what seemed to be fits of epilepsy and by another who continued to request to join the group and in need of sleep. He was interrupted yet again by another girl, announcing her pregnancy. Still, I sat quietly and listened with rapture:

"What do you do for fun? For work? Why don't you just throw your life away? Too many people are drinking, having sex with people they don't even know. Women have their short dresses, shaking themselves everywhere, having sex, men engaging, then risking sexual diseases. The alcohol, the clothes, the sex, it's all part of disrespecting their body. They have forgotten to love themselves, let alone love others. So they search for meaning, willing to even disrespect themselves. We need to change this. The world is covered in wars, death and killing, the rich people are directing the death, trying to convince the rest of humanity to wipe itself out, while they repopulate the earth. I have heard too many words, there is nothing you can say, your lips can move, but it's just noise, we need to change things everywhere. I have people in the streets, all over the world, in Brazil, Europe, everywhere. It is beginning. The rich people and their wars, are dying, they are old, so of old age or violent self-destruction, they will pass. Who do you think will replace them? We need to wake up in a piece of social consciousness, get together and make a difference. I am living this way and you can join us... grab your sleeping bag and join us, that takes real guts, give up your luxury and live with the growing consciousness.

I get beaten up, get my teeth kicked in by violent individuals. People who are out at the bars, having sex with someone they don't know, are afraid of the diseases, afraid they won't find love and they take it out on people me. Their violence, allows the wars, the fears, the ignorance. The rookie soldier, yearns for the sound of artillery, for the feel of a gun in his hands, but the veteran soldier, he fears it. The mark

of a real soldier is not his ability to fight, but his ability to put an end to fights. The highest form of violent skill for a soldier, is that he puts away the weapons and that takes the greatest courage. If one soldier points a gun at you and you fear him and grab a gun. Well, that perpetuates the same bloody system, we have got to step out of this violent way and carry love in our hearts. If you stopped for a second and realized that the other one carries his gun, out of fear, then by putting your gun down, you break the continuation of that fear. When both sides put down their guns, when the soldiers lay down their arms, we realize they make better plowshares. This is the way, lay down the arms, the weapons, let others lay down their weapons and talk to one another. When both sides, the soldiers see that they need not carry weapons, the war and warrior becomes pointless and the master, the marionette's master is revealed as a crook and the whole system becomes pointless.

I have been to too many funerals, seen too many of my friends die. Too many. I cannot participate in this system. This degradation, this earthly trauma, must end. We are making a better way, playing music, creating our own positive future. We are living a new way, it starts with the street, with the people and it will spread. We gotta put it together, time is running out. The earth is going to be destroyed, by comet, asteroid, supernova, or black hole, one way or another. The scientists logic of billions of years, is flawed, we need to make ourselves free, now! We must make what we have on this earth our own and make it good. We cannot let greed be our guide, the Satanist's own guide says that greed is the mark of Satan. The machines, the war and the death have got to grind to halt and we must pick up the pieces, by living in search of love and positive outcomes. The people will rise, we are rising, you, need to make a choice, if we don't step up, it won't happen. Join us, or be swept in a tide of our love. We aren't out here for violence, but love."

Rabbit, plays music on his violin, sings his songs, and travels, with his now growing group. Eugene, he says is the start, of a community of love, care and understanding, when all the people are full of care for one another, then it will become a model for other cities, in an effort to remake the whole global culture.

Teachers Stir to Unionize

By Ashley Pennington

After UO Ranks Lowest in Teacher Pay

University professors gathered at two separate meetings earlier this October to discuss the possibility of unionization after it was reported by the Register Guard that the University ranked dead last in faculty pay.

"Maybe it'll help the president move a little faster. He's got a faculty which is not happy with being the poorest in the whole Association of American Universities. And at the same time... top administration people are being paid well. That's just the kind of situation that promotes the formation of a union," said Emeritus Professor of Biology, Frank Stahl.

Faculty pay is not the only factor fueling the call for change. Teaching staff, on both sides of the debate seem to come to at least one consensus: "I think that the consultative role of the faculty is minimal, has become minimal," said Regina Psaki, a Professor of Italian and current Vice-President of the local AAUP chapter. "What we need is a kind of structural way for the faculty to interact, to be consulted, to give input, to be a full partner in the institution," she continued. "That has been eroding away over the years."

Those in favor of the creation of a faculty union, which would be run by both the AAUP (American Association of University Professors) and the AFT (American Federation of Teachers), hold out little hope for change in the new administration. Those against believe that Lariviere should be given a fair chance.

"With a lot of the fiscal pressure there has been such a drain in public education," said Psaki. "The people who run our institution are obliged to think about the bottom line, of course." She continued, "But the point is... that's not a question of individuals."

Those in support of the move to unionize are clear to point out that they are not looking to become adversarial with the administration.

Psaki does say that, "We've gotten to the point where I see it [unionization] as by far the best option for beginning to sort of reverse the sidelining of the faculty on our campus... everyone is trying to get the best that they can for an institution in which we all collectively believe."

A common concern of the faculty also seems to be the fact that the university is being run on an economic model.

* news.

"The reason why it is important for the faculty to have and to exercise all the power it can get is because there is a growing... tsunami for universities to forget that they are educational institutions and to think of themselves as businesses, in which the faculty plays a role, regrettably..." said Stahl.

"If the university is going to run on an economic model then we need a union to protect us as workers." Said Michael Stern, a professor in the Department of German and Scandinavian.

"If we strike, who do we hurt? Well the answer is that we hurt the students and that's a problem." He continued.

This reflects the complexity of the issue because the ultimate outcomes of either decision cannot be certainly predicted. There is extreme tension between the need for faculty to provide for their families and the wish to remain at an institution in which they love.

This is why the concern about pay and tenure is so important. It prevents the University from keeping its senior professors. It also, according to Psaki, creates a, "revolving door [that] erodes the working conditions and sort of community dimension that is important in an institution that's running on a very slim budget."

However, it seems that some staff think that the new president should be given a chance to work with faculty under the current governance structure. "Now that we have a new president I think there's a good chance that we can restore the governance of the University into the hands of the faculty." Said Stahl.

He continued to share the concern of many against the union movement, "When you start setting budgets, you start running into collisions with unions because unions, being hired hands, are in a position to argue for their own budget and go on strike if they don't get what they need. But I think they sacrifice their position to have any control over the rest of the campus."

"I hope we get the Senate backbone stiffened and I know that the new president does have a new attitude he expects the faculty to tell him what to do and he expects that there will be occasions where he's going to say, 'Well I can't do that and we'll go through the proper procedure,' but he... wants the faculty to do that. Although he did say that in his experience, when a faculty has been beaten down, it is very hard to get them to stand up again, but we'll try," Stahl finished.

For more information [including meeting times and dates] email Emily at:

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Pick One of the Following:

(A) A Prison Sentence

(B) A College Degree

{...That's what we thought.}

Join Student's for a Sensible Drug Policy: a group that meets to discuss and enact change to keep kids out of prisons and in school.

WORLDNEWS

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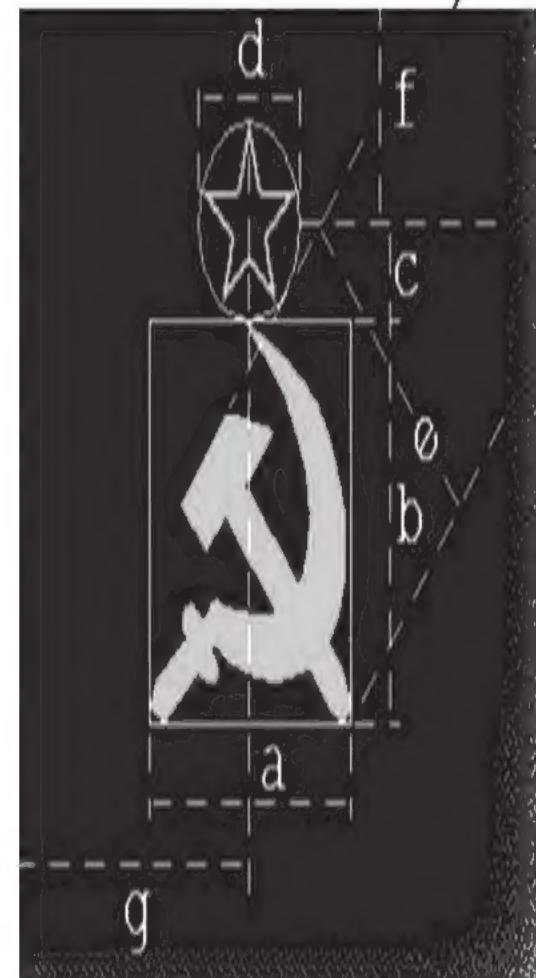


*1 The University of California system voted, at UCLA, on a 32% fee increase for students. Hundreds of students rallied at the two entrances to campus shutting it down for several hours. Another group of 300 students entered into the Kresge Town Hall to create an organizing space around the budget cuts. Later in the evening, students at the entrances joined the others in the town hall. Currently, the space is being used to plan further actions.

*1 The only people who lived under 'Communist' (really 'Socialist') systems of Eastern Europe, who have for two decades lived under the glorious banner of 'Capitalism' (Really 'Corporatism') and 'Democracy' (Really a 'Republic'), are not satisfied with the outcomes of Capitalism and Democracy. Shocking! These were the results of a new poll by the Pew Global Attitudes Project. While saying they don't necessarily want to go back to Communism, they are dissatisfied with the outcome in terms of daily life and material wealth in comparison.

Despite having installed a system that implies inequality by forcing people to have a wage slavery system and few slave drivers profiting. They installed a Republic, who feigned putting power in the hands of the people while concentrating it among a small group of already powerful individuals. This is because the only people who can afford to not work and campaign for weeks and months are the already wealthy. In the rare occasions when a lower classes are allowed into the hallowed halls of the repressors, they are often corrupted, bullied or killed.

These systems imposed upon the former soviet bloc did not magically make everyone happy and prosperous. This may not come as a surprise, to those familiar with Adam Smith. Smith identifies, "...the principle motivation of all transactions is self interest." Being that 'self interest' is a academic term for greed, can it be any surprise that people subject to a greed based system would be dissatisfied?



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*1 Two journalists, who were kidnapped by militants in Somalia have been freed by their captives, according to reports made by the BBC. Amanda Lindhout of Canada and Nigel Brennan of Australia are reported to be in a hotel in Somalia's capital city, Mogadishu



*1 The handling of the G20 protests in London in April prompt an investigation of police protest tactics. Officials in the UK called the Inspectorate of Constabulary to lead this investigation after a man died after an officer pushed him. Other complaints of excessive force were made after the event.



*1 Seven people are charged for the attacks on Mumbai by Pakistan's government. During the attack 174 people were killed, including seven gunmen. All seven have pleaded not guilty in the case. The only surviving attacker from the event, Muhammed Ajmal Qasab, is currently facing trial in India.

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Ten years ago, tens of thousands of people descended upon the streets of Seattle to take a stand. Amidst tear gas, pepper-spray and the crack of police batons, these people marched in opposition to an organization that sought to privatize and exploit their world and their livelihoods for profit. Whether or not the massive organizing and community-building efforts that proceeded Seattle amounted to a tactical victory for our movement is still up for debate, but one thing was made clear: a new world is possible.

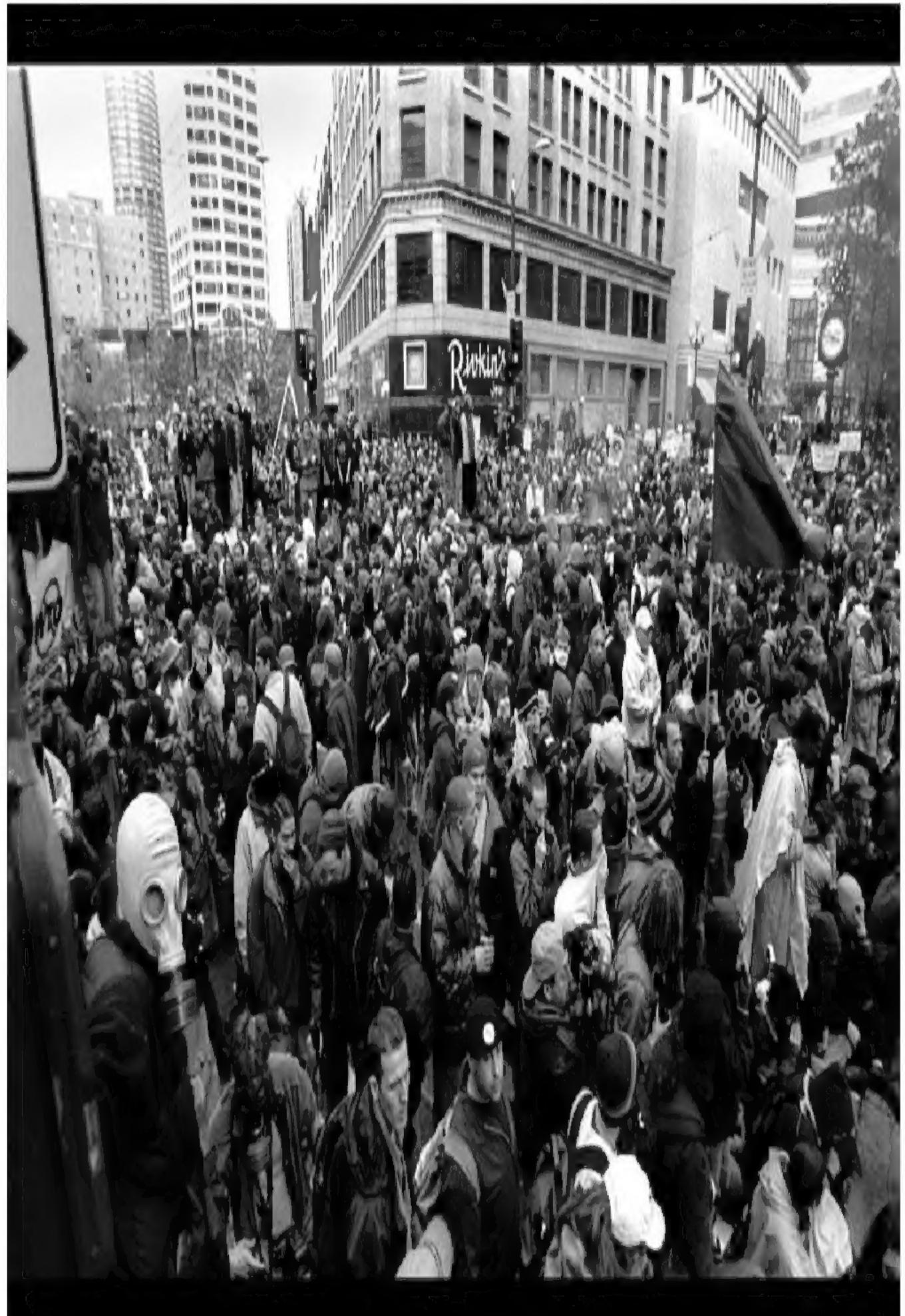
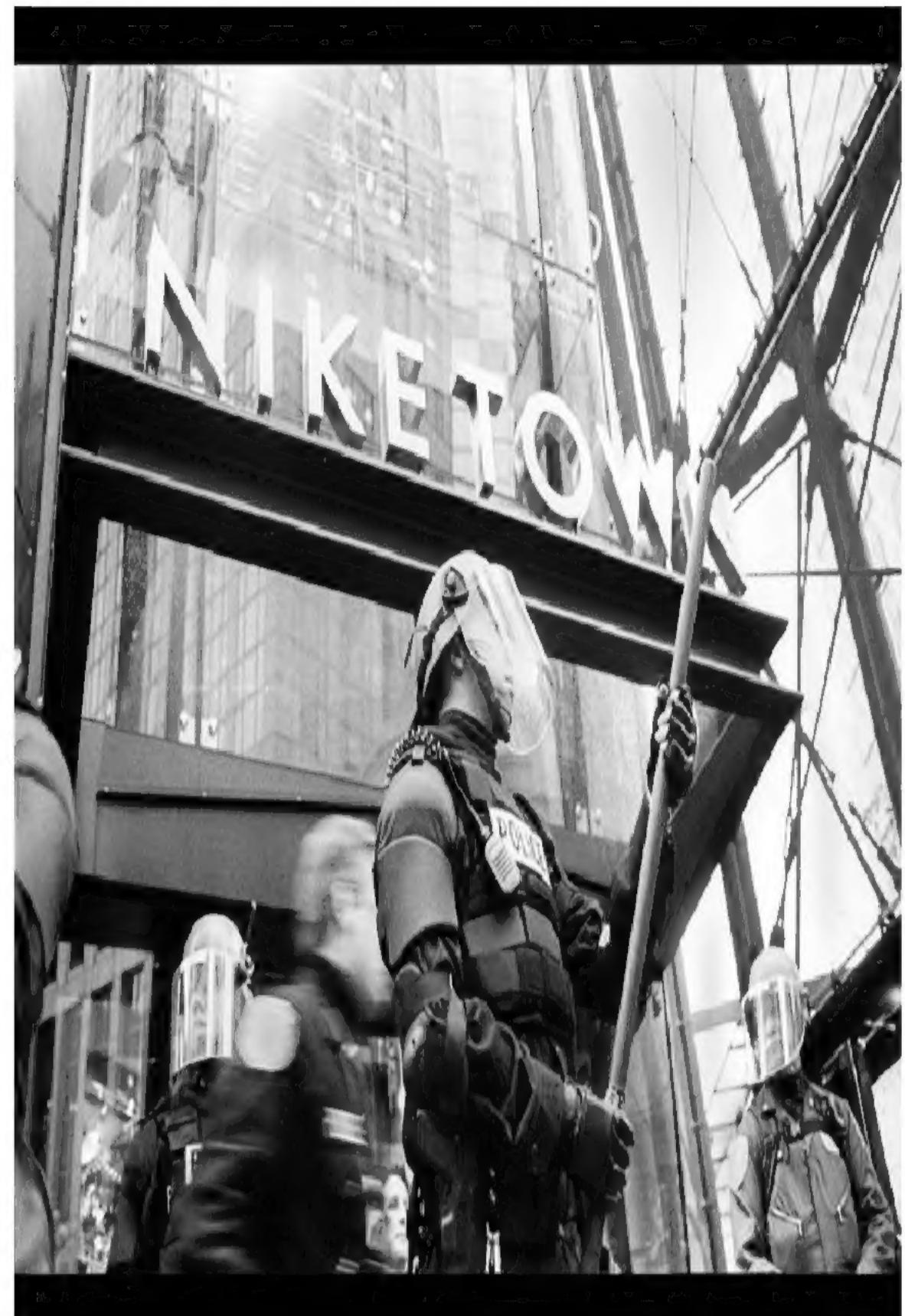
Unfortunately, this realization was put to the test during the Bush era, when entire communities were ripped apart by disunity and repression from a right-wing government obsessed with its

war on "terror."

As activists from Europe and beyond organized to protest the World Trade Organization's next summit in Geneva, Switzerland, activists here at home had their own work cut out for them in reorganizing their communities and rebuilding momentum which will one day be able to stand united once again in the streets, proclaiming loud and clear, a

new world is possible.

Photos by Kurt Jensen



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Hey! Eugene!?



Where is the *Rage*?

By John Sheehy

Dear City of Eugene,
Where is the rage?
Two college kids were tased by the same police officer, on very questionable grounds; it's disgusting! And even more despicable is not just the decision by the EPD to absolve Judd Waren, the officer responsible, but to actually give him the "officer of the year" award. Since when does electrocuting an individual because they were exercising their right to free speech or, in the more recent case, simply sleeping in their own home, deserve an award?

In my opinion, Officer Judd Waren should immediately be stripped of his badge, his weapon, and his dignity. Tasers are a highly dangerous and potentially lethal weapon (if you don't believe me, ask Brett Elder, a 15 year-old boy in Michigan who was killed by a taser last March, or Robert Dziekaski, a Polish immigrant who was tased to death by Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Vancouver National Airport in 2007), and any officer or police force that has no qualms about using one so indiscriminately should not be out patrolling our streets. They're certainly not doing a good job protecting students or upholding our safety. If anything else these police are actually making Eugene a more dangerous place.

What angers me the most is not the fact that we have a taser-happy agent on our hands, but rather that no one in our community seems to be particularly outraged by these incidents. Aside from the few letters and articles I have seen in the local papers and the vague promises by city councilmen to look into the problem, there has been no action whatsoever

on the part of Eugene's citizens to stop these despicable acts. So I ask

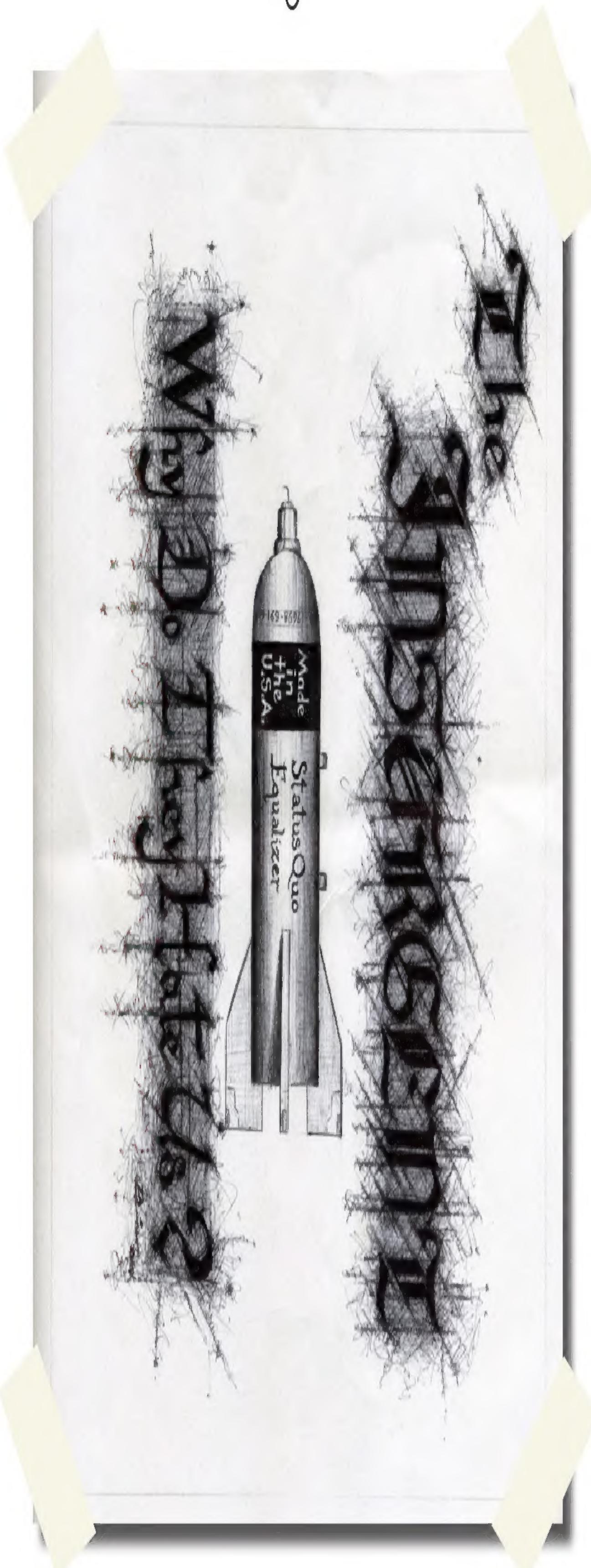
again, where is the rage? Have we become so apathetic that the physical abuse of our peers causes us no disturbance, anger, shame or surprise?

A year ago, in Athens, Greece, the fatal shooting of 15 year-old Alexandros Grigoropoulos by a police officer led to the outbreak of some of the worst riots the country had seen in decades. While I am not suggesting that rioting is the necessary answer to our problem, at least the people of Greece stood up to an abusive system and let the government know the true risks it faced if it ever subjected its citizens to the same abuses that we have witnessed in the last year.

It's time for people to realize that a safer community is not one with more tasers and more police. Rather, it is one in which neighbors know each other, trust each other and look out for one another. It's time for us to assert our rights! It's time for us to get these tasering things off our streets!

Sincerely,

John Sheehy



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